MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Proposal of SAIL to Provide Technical Know-how

*61. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the SAIL propose to provide technical know-how to firms in foreign countries;

(b) if so, the purpose and reasons therefor;

(c) whether the SAIL have entered into any contract with any foreign firm for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d) SAIL has diversified its activities into the area of marketing of technical and managerial expertise accumulated over four decades of experience of building, operating and maintaining steel plants of diversed technologies and product-mix. The marketing of these services is being done through SAIL Consultancy Division (SCD), a Corporate Level Division. The main purpose is to market the expertise and experience available within SAIL to clients in India and abroad. This will also bring in larger awareness about SAIL which will help in expanding its market segments and image building.

Services are offered by SAIL generally in the following areas:—

(i) Project Design, Engineering & Execution Services.

(ii) Technology and Know-how Services.

(iii) Operational Assistance Services.

(iv) HRD and Management Services.

SAIL has entered into agreement with a number of foreign firms to render these services, details of which are as follows:—

Sl. No.	Firm	Area	Services Provided
1.	Phoenix Iron & Steel Corporation (PISCOR), Philippines.	Operation & Maintenance	Rehabilitation of 40 T Open Hearth Furnace (Based on Cold Charge)
		Project Consultancy	Revival of Second (40 T) Open Hearth Furnace and installation of Electric Arc Furnace, Ladle Furnance and Continuous Casting facilities.
2.	Ashok Steel Industries Private Limited, Nepal.	Project Consultancy	Stabilisation of Bar & Rod Rolling Mill & Product Diversification to produce structurals.
		Operation & Maintenance	Productivity enhancement from 8000 TPA to 20000 TPA through systems improvement.

Sl. No.	Firm	Area	Services Provided
3.	Drever S.A., Belgium.	Training	Training of Operations & Maintenance Personnel in Stainless Steel Cold Rolling Mill.
4.	Esfahan Steel Complex, Iran.	Operations & Maintenance	Improvement in performance of Sinter Plan by replacement of Hydraulic Sealing System by Spring Loaded Sealing System, increase Sinter bed height and removal of Hot Sinter Screen.
5.	Ahwaz Rolling and Pipe Mill Complex, Ahwaz, Iran.	Project Consultancy	Assessment of health of equipment of HCL acid regeneration line for its revival.
6.	Egyptian Iron & Steel Company, Cairo	Training	Assessment of Training Needs.

Welfare of Street Children

*62. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIRAN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article published in the 'Statement' of 2nd February, 1996 under the caption "Street children";

(b) if so, the present estimated number of street children in the country, particularly in four metropolitan cities;

(c) whether Government have examined their various problems and the steps taken so far to solve them with the assistance of State Government's and NGOs;

(d) the extent of Central assistance to each of the State Governments and NGOs, during each of the last three years for the purpose; and

(e) the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No national survey has been conducted to ascertain the number of street children in the country. However, studies were sponsored in 1992 jointly by Government and UNICEF in 8 cities of the country namely, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Indore, Bombay, Madras, Kanpur, Calcutta and Delhi. According to these studies there were 1.10 lakh street children in Delhi and 0.40 lakh street children in Madras. Data regarding number of street children in other cities has not been indicated in other studies.

(c) The Government has launched a Scheme for Welfare of Street Children during the Eighth Five Year Plan. The Scheme is being implemented since 1993-94. Under this scheme 90% grant-in-aid is provided to the voluntary organisations on the recommendations of the State Governments for development of the Street Children providing them nutrition support, prevention health care, counsel-